



(f) converting the unsubstituted oxyamino group of the oxime of formula VII into a nitrile group to give citalopram (A) or one of its pharmaceutical acceptable salts; or

(e') optionally, when R' is triphenylmethyl or diphenylmethyl, converting the substituted oxyamino group of the oxime of formula VI into nitrile by treatment with a mixed anhydride of formula



wherein R''' represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, an aralkyl group or an aryl group, to give citalopram (A) or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Deleted)

3. (Original) A process according to claim ¹~~2~~ wherein R' is triphenylmethyl or diphenylmethyl. y₂
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4. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein said 4-fluorophenylmagnesium halide is the bromide.